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REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11-13 and 18-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,872,694 to Hoinkis. While applicants disagree that Hoinkis renders the subject matter of claims 11-13 and 18-19 obvious, these claims have been canceled to expedite prosecution of the subject application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 6-10, 14, 16-17 and 20 have been allowed.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned representative.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988, our Order No. H1540.

Respectfully submitted,

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